Mark Twain Elementary School

SDMC Minutes
September 22, 2022

Present: Michele Rawson, Victoria Sanchez, Emily Morgan, Shelley Rota, Erin Salisbury, Jessica Cisneros-Ferguson, Ginny Kerlin, Heather Lopez, Lauren Little, Amy Ashmore, Christine Cowan, Melene Thomas-Henry, Erin Diaz, Danielle Aschmann

Next meeting: Date, time, Location

I. Announcements

• First meeting of the year.
• Four meetings required per year to give feedback
• IB Visit
• Opportunities for inquiry
  o Getting Personal with Inquiry Learning, by Kath Murdoch

II. Enrollment

• Enrollment is at 898
• Classroom numbers over 22+
• Resubmit for possible cap due to the capacity of what the campus was built for; safety concerns in areas such as restrooms and playground.

III. School Improvement Plan

• STAAR Scores 94/100
• Distinction opportunities; compared with other schools with ESL, At-Risk, Number of students in Texas.
• Utilize IB in all areas
• Increase inquiry in classrooms
  o Enrichment opportunities
• New HISD adoption
  o Eureka Math: Twain is a Phase 1 campus
• STAAR Test online previous year
  o 56% Mastered
  o Goal 63% Mastered
  o Assessment window grades 3 – 5 STAAR practice in November
  o OnTrack platform: trainings for assessment
• House bill HB4545
  o Provide extra support for K-5
  o Utilize the Librarian, as well as hourly support
o Counselor to provide support in reading for social and emotional learning
  • Kindness Counsel
    o SEL teacher

IV. Attendance
  • Discussed possible solutions to improve attendance
  • Attendance taken at 9 am. Students considered absent after attendance is taken
    o Attendance was discussed in the New Parent Orientation
  • Attendance supports funding for the school

V. Extended Day
  • Shout out to Jessica Cisneros-Ferguson.
    o Friday treats to encourage behavior
    o Track behavior with pink slips to parents
  • Support staff
    o Student workers from Lamar HS
    o Possible openings for students on the waitlist

VI. Upcoming events
  • New student clubs
    o Coding Club, Student Leadership, NTB, Science
  • Tutorials
  • School Choice Open Enrollment
    o Begins in December
    o School Tours for incoming Kindergarten
  • Visitors for Lunch
    o Beginning in October
    o Discussed possible solutions to coordinate visitors to have lunch with their child.
    o Volunteer support in the cafeteria

VII. Late Pick Up
  • Discussed solutions to reduce late pick up after dismissal

VIII. Playground
  • Discussed upcoming project for an addition to the kindergarten playground
    o Musical chimes
  • Discussed possible solutions to improve playground equipment safety
  • Spark Park of the Month: Mark Twain Elementary

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM